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Applicant(s): Yasuo Okutani and Masayuki Yamada

Group Art Unit: 2654

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For: SPEECH SYNTHESIZING APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND STORAGE MEDIUM THEREFOR.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Sir:

This Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.116 is submitted in response to the Final Rejection dated December 18, 2002. A Petition for a two Month Extension of Time is enclosed, extending the time for response until June 19, 2003 (as the two-month period originally fell on May 18, 2003, a Sunday). A Notice of Appeal is also filed concurrently herewith. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.

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